IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Brian J. Brown, Michael Davis, David Friesen, Timothy J. Ley

and Sean Skubitz

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RESPONSE AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

This Response and Request for Reconsideration is in reply to the Final Office Action dated October 2, 2008.

If an extension of time is required to make this response timely and no separate petition is enclosed, Applicants hereby petition for an extension of time sufficient to make the response timely. In the event that this response requires the payment of government fees and payment is not enclosed, please charge Deposit Account No. 22-0350.